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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 2 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2012, Arizona had 276,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 6,000 head from a year ago and down 2,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 26,000 head during April, 1,000 head more than a year ago. During April 27,000 head were marketed, an increase of 9,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2012, California had 475,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 25,000 head from last year but down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 45,000 head during April, down 12,000 head from last year. During April 58,000 head were marketed, an increase of 3,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.1 million head on May 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent below May 1, 2011.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.52 million, 15 percent below 2011. Net placements were 1.44 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 380,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 536,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, slightly above 2011.

Other disappearance totaled 78,000 during April, 30 percent above 2011.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2011-2012

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During April			Number Marketed During April			Other Disappearance During April 2/		
	May 1, 2011	April 1, 2012	May 1, 2012											
			Number	as % of 2011	as % of Apr 1	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	282	278	276	98	99	25	26	104	18	27	150	1	1	100
CA	450	490	475	106	97	57	45	79	55	58	105	2	2	100
CO	1,100	1,070	1,030	94	96	165	120	73	150	150	100	5	10	200
ID	230	225	215	93	96	34	28	82	23	36	157	1	2	200
IA	640	670	650	102	97	69	55	80	76	72	95	3	3	100
KS	2,170	2,170	2,080	96	96	380	300	79	385	380	99	15	10	67
NE	2,370	2,530	2,460	104	97	370	370	100	370	420	114	10	20	200
OK	355	320	295	83	92	76	47	62	74	70	95	2	2	100
SD	255	255	245	96	96	31	32	103	39	40	103	2	2	100
TX	2,730	2,780	2,710	99	97	500	410	82	530	465	88	10	15	150
WA	200	233	224	112	96	28	28	100	33	34	103	2	3	150
Other Sts	393	461	450	115	98	50	60	120	54	63	117	7	8	114
US	11,175	11,482	11,110	99	97	1,785	1,521	85	1,807	1,815	100	60	78	130

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

April Milk Production Up 3.3 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.0 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from April 2011. March revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 4.3 percent from March 2011. The March revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,875 pounds for April, 40 pounds above April 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.53 million head, 94,000 head more than April 2011, and 4,000 head more than March 2012.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, April 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	187	194	2,125	2,155	397	418	5.3
CA	1,764	1,787	1,995	2,030	3,519	3,628	3.1
CO	126	132	1,985	2,020	250	267	6.8
FL	119	122	1,740	1,760	207	215	3.9
ID	576	577	1,870	1,920	1,077	1,108	2.9
IL	98	100	1,680	1,730	165	173	4.8
IN	172	176	1,775	1,830	305	322	5.6
IA	209	207	1,780	1,855	372	384	3.2
KS	122	123	1,805	1,820	220	224	1.8
MI	362	376	1,955	2,000	708	752	6.2
MN	469	465	1,620	1,655	760	770	1.3
MO	95	94	1,380	1,435	131	135	3.1
NM	326	337	2,125	2,130	693	718	3.6
NY	610	610	1,770	1,835	1,080	1,119	3.6
OH	268	271	1,620	1,680	434	455	4.8
OR	119	123	1,730	1,730	206	213	3.4
PA	543	538	1,690	1,690	918	909	-1
TX	426	440	1,915	1,915	816	843	3.3
UT	87	91	1,740	1,790	151	163	7.9
VT	135	133	1,595	1,625	215	216	0.5
VA	96	96	1,585	1,605	152	154	1.3
WA	256	263	1,990	2,015	509	530	4.1
WI	1,266	1,270	1,730	1,785	2,190	2,267	3.5
23-State Total	8,431	8,525	1,835	1,875	15,475	15,983	3.3

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Veal Production at Record Low for April

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in April, down slightly from the 3.87 billion pounds produced in April 2011.

Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.57 million head, down 6 percent from April 2011. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,282 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.9 million pounds, 3 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56,500 head, down 4 percent from April 2011. The average live weight was down 1 pound from last year, at 295 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.83 million head, up 2 percent from April 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.9 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 181,200 head, 13

percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 4 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2012 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, down slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	April 2012 as % of 2/	
				April 2011	March 2012
<u>Arizona 3/</u>	Million Pounds			Percent	
<u>Total Red Meat</u>	29.7	33.9	32.5	109	96
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,052.5	2,159.8	1,990.6	97	92
Veal	10.2	10.0	9.9	97	99
Pork	1,790.7	1,987.9	1,841.7	103	93
Lamb and Mutton	14.4	14.2	12.9	90	91
Total Red Meat	3,867.8	4,171.8	3,855.1	100	92

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - April 2012 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - April			January - April		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Cattle	181.8	235,728	1,300	10,596.6	13,711,813	1,297
Hogs	0.6	157	257	36,930.1	10,278,699	278

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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May Farm Prices Received Index Decline 2 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 176 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.1 percent) from April. The Crop Index is down 3 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, milk, and wheat. Higher prices were received for broilers, grapefruit, hay, and oranges. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of broilers, sweet corn, wheat, and grapes offset the decreased marketing of corn, cattle, milk, and soybeans.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from May 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 164, decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from last month and decreased 1 point (0.6 percent) from May 2011.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 212 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is down 1 point (-0.5 percent) from April but 8 points (3.9 percent) above May 2011. Lower prices in May for LP gas, diesel, feeder pigs, and feeder cattle offset higher prices for nitrogen, concentrates, complete feeds, and hay & forages.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, May 2011 and 2012 and April 2012

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		May-11 Entire Month	April-12 Entire Month	May-12 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	215.00	260.00	255.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	19.80	16.00	15.50
Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.832	0.909	0.951
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	7.86	9.18	8.75
Alfalfa Hay 2/	\$ Ton	187.00	207.00	215.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	78.20	85.50	87.30
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	115.00	128.00	124.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	112.00	124.00	121.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	137.00	178.00	176.00
All Milk 3/	\$ Cwt	20.80	17.90	17.50

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

United States Price Index Summary Table

	2011	2012	
	May	April	May
Index 1990-92 = 100			
Prices Received	175	178	176
Prices Paid	204	213	212
Ratio 1/	86	84	83

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.